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1. REFTEL. SAIC SEDILLO PREPARED REFTEL IN HASTE AND  
AFTER REVIEWING FEELS SOME REMAKRS SHOULD BE CLARIFIED.

2. PARA 21 REFTEL SAIC SEDILLO STATED "IT SHOULD BE  
NOTED BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES CONSIDER DRUG USER AMCIT  
TYPES MORE DETRIMENTAL TO MORAL OF THEIR SOCIETY IN  
THAT THESE TYPES CONTAMINATE THEIR YOUTH. FOR THESE  
REASONS THEY CONCENTRATE ON SMALLER CASES THAT AT  
TIMES AMCITS ARE ARRESTED WITH SMALL AMOUNTS OF DRUGS".  
WHAT SAIC SEDILLO REALLY MEANT IN THIS STATEMENT IS  
THAT BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES ARE VERY CONCERNED RE THE  
LOCAL ABUSE AND THAT THERE IS NO DISTINCTION AMONG AMCITS, BOLIVIANS  
OR OTHER NATIONALITIES WHO INVOLVE BOLIVIANS IN DRUG  
ABUSE. ALL ARE VIEWED AS CLOSELY DETRIMENTAL. THIS  
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STATEMENT SHOULD FURTHER BE QUALIFIED THAT UNDER  
BOLIVIAN NARC LAW, DNSP IS ONLY AGENCY CHARGED WITH  
ENFORCEMENT OF THAT LAW, THEY THEREFORE HAVE TO  
CONCENTRATE AT BOTH THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING  
AND AT THE LOCAL BUSE PROBLEM. IT IS NOT LIKE IN  
CONUS WHERE YOU HAVE STATE AND LOCAL POLICE JURIS-  
DICTIONS THAT CONCENTRATE AT THIS STREET LEVEL TYPE

VIOLATION. DUE TO LOCAL OR DOMESTIC DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES SEVERAL BOLIVIANS AS WELL AS OTHER FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING AMCITS, ARE BEING IMPLICATED IN THESE TYPES OF CASES. DEA DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THESE TYPES OF CASES. UNDER THE OLD LAW, THERE WAS NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN A PERSON ARRESTED WITH A FEW GRAMS AND SEVERAL KILOS COCAINE. ONCE DNSP INITIATED AN INVESTIGATION AND ARRESTS RESULTED, EVEN IF INSIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF COCAINE WERE SEIZED, THEY WOULD PROCESS THE SUSPECTS AND TURN THEM OVER TO JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES. THIS WAS DONE IN INTEREST OF INTEGRITY IN THAT IN THE PAST NARC ENFORCING OFFICERS WERE ACCUSED THAT THEY WERE RELEASING ARRESTED SUSPECTS IN EXCHANGE FOR BRIBES PAID.

3. PARA 23 REFTEL, SAIC SEDILLO STATED HE CONSIDERED BOLIVIAN DNSP MOST PROFESSIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN. WHAT WAS MEANT BY THIS REMARK IS THAT IN SAIC SEDILLO'S ALMOST 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH LATIN AMERICAN POLICE, THE AGENT CONSIDERS DNSP MOST PROFESSIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN RE THE WAY THEY CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH DETAINED PRISONERS. SAIC SEDILLO HAS NEVER OBSERVED ANY DNSP AGENT MISTREAT OR THREATEN ANY PRISONER, REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY.

4. IT IS HOPED THAT THESE CLARIFICATIONS ARE CORRECTED IN REFTEL. SAIC SEDILLO MUST ADMIT THAT SOME OF THE REMARKS MADE HERE AND IN REFTEL ARE STRICTLY PERSONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPINIONS.

5. SAIC SEDILLO IS PREPARING MORE DETAILED REPORT RE EXACT DATE OF ARRESTS, AMTS SEIZED AND RELATED INFO AND PRIOR TO SUBMITTING TO DEA HQS AND CRO WILL HAVE REPORT REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY US MISSION NARC COMMITTEE. STEDMAN

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